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Letter dated 14 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to this Permanent Mission's previous letters circulated as documents A/61/571-S/2006/884, A/61/954-S/2007/354, A/62/705-S/2008/117, A/62/798-S/2008/240, S/2008/377, S/2008/599 and S/2008/790 regarding the unlawful and insolent threats of resorting to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Israeli regime, I wish to inform you that the use of fabricated pretexts by various Israeli regime officials to publicly threaten to resort to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran is continuing unabated in total defiance of international law and fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the provisions of the Charter which call for refraining "from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations".

While the said regime continues its war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Palestinians and other Arab peoples under its brutal occupation, particularly against the innocent Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, it also persists in its vicious threats against the nations that show sympathy to the innocent Palestinian people, including against my country. As the latest example in this regard and emboldened by the absence of any action on the part of the United Nations, the Israeli regime's President, Shimon Peres, repeated the same unlawful threats in an interview on 12 April 2009 by saying "we'll strike" Iran. Prior to that and in an interview conducted on 31 March 2009, the Israeli regime's current Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, had said that the said regime "may attack Iran's nuclear facilities".

These outrageous threats of resorting to criminal and terrorist acts against a sovereign country and a Member of the United Nations not only display the aggressive and warmongering nature of the Zionist regime, but also constitute blatant violations of international law and the most fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and require a clear and resolute response on the part of the United Nations, particularly the Security Council. The Security Council should react to these vicious statements by unambiguously condemning them and calling on the said regime to cease and desist immediately from the threat of using force against Members of the United Nations.

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As we have stressed time and again, while the Islamic Republic of Iran has never threatened nor has any intention to threaten other nations, nonetheless and in response to any aggression, it will not hesitate to act in self-defence to protect itself and its people in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Khazaee**
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